(b) A National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) has been launched on 12th April, 2005 throughout the country with special focus on 18 states with weak demographic indicators/infrastructure. The NRHM aims to provide accessible, affordable, accountable, effective and reliable primary healthcare, especially to the rural poor and vulnerable sections of population.

Revising payment rules of diagnostic centres

1360. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether procedure including payments of bills of cancer diagnosis such as scan, chemmography, radiography, etc. described by Government in their Office Memorandum dated 26th August, 2002 regarding diagnostic centres under CGHS Delhi have since been revised;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to give some relaxation to senior citizen beneficiaries, if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The ceiling rates for obtaining various medical procedures/tests/investigations in the private hospitals recognised under CGHS Delhi that was circulated to all Ministries/Departments of the Govt, of India *vide* Department of Health's O.M. No. Rec-24/2001/JD(M)/CGHS/Delhi/CGHS(P) dated 7.9.2001 and referred to in the subsequent O.M. dated 26.8.2002 continues to be in force and have not been revised as yet.

(b) In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.

(c) As per paras 10 and 11 of the aforesaid O.M. dated 7.9.2001, provision already exists for allowing the CGHS pensioner cardholders to avail credit facilities for taking treatment in the private hospitals/diagnostic centres recognised under CGHS Delhi.